[Vastu Vidia Kusala C. Balakrishna Rao.]

(*f*) Brahmin.

(*g*) Same answer as item (*d*) above. He was the seniormost Supervisor in the Water Works and Drainage Department eligible for promotion as Assistant Engineer.

(*h*) Yes.

(*i*) Brahmin.

(*j*) Yes. The promotion as acting Sub-Engineer was made without prejudice to the claims of his seniors in the interest of Government service.

MR E. JOHN PHILIPOSE: I should like to know why the principles adopted in the answer given to parts (*d*) and (*g*) should be particularly enforced in the case of the Water Works Department alone while it is not enforced in the case of part (*j*), the Electrical Department?

VASTU VIDIA KUSALA C. BALAKRISHNA RAO: The men who were promoted were the seniormost in the Water Works Department and eligible for promotion.

MR. E. JOHN PHILIPOSE: In the case of the man given in part (*i*) he was not in the Electrical Department at all. May I know why the difference should have occurred?

VASTU VIDIA KUSALA C. BALAKRISHNA RAO: The officer appointed was in the Pallivasal Scheme in the Electrical Department had previous experience, and he was appointed without prejudice to his seniors.

Shertala-Arukutty road.

194 ✻ **MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP** (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*): With regard to the Shertala-Arukutty road, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total length of the road;

(*b*) the total amount spent for the construction;

(*c*) whether there are bridges and culverts yet to be constructed;

(*d*) if so, how many and what is the estimated cost for the construction of the same;

(*e*) whether the road is fit for vehicular traffic at present; and

(*f*) the annual allotment per mile for maintenance?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) Fourteen miles and 4 furlongs.

(*b*) Rs. 77,512-3-6.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Two bridges, one at Poochakal and the other at Chenganda. The estimated cost of the former is Rs. 4,400 and no estimate has been prepared for the latter.

(*e*) Yes, up to the 9th mile.

(*f*) Rs. 200 per mile.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*): May I know from the member when the road was completed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: I claim notice.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I khow why the bridges have not yet been completed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: For want of funds.

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